



## **Questions and Answers Regarding the Teacher Residency Expansion Grants Request for Applications (RFA) January 19, 2023**

1. **Question:** We understand that TRE grant funds must be encumbered by June 30, 2026. Would we still be able to provide resident stipends during the 2026-27 academic year as long as residents are accepted into the program by June 30, 2026? Or would they need to be officially enrolled by June 30, 2026?

**Answer:** Authorizing legislation does not provide a definition or timeline of “program enrollment.” Therefore, programs are responsible for determining the date that residents are accepted or enrolled in the program. That date will be included in the narrative response to RFA Question #3. If acceptance or enrollment into the program occurs in the spring, then grant recipients would be allowed to recruit cohorts to be enrolled in spring 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026 in order to begin their residency placements in mentors’ classrooms for the 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27 academic years.

2. **Question:** We will be working with our IHEs to recruit a group of 10 Residents for each year of the grant. If for some reason only a few Residents join (2-3, for example) in any particular year, is that an issue for the CTC (in regard to continuing to fund the program)?

**Answer:** Grant funds are awarded in annual disbursements based on actual enrollment and projections numbers. In this case, the first disbursement would be enough to fund ten residents for the first year of the program, as projected in the application. If the actual enrollment for the first year is a fewer number of residents than projected, Commission staff will communicate with program staff to determine the appropriate disbursement based on Year 2 projections after considering the remaining funds from the previous year.

3. **Question:** Is there a chance for an extension with the due date of the application?

**Answer:** No. If an applicant is unable to submit a complete application by the posted deadline, they will need to wait to apply to the next RFA. In this case, the next RFA will be combined Teacher Residency Expansion and Implementation RFA which is expected to be released in early February 2023.